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DEQ Offers \$4.9 Million in Grants to Businesses, Non-profits, and Government Entities for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

SALT LAKE CITY –The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is offering \$4.9 million in grants to businesses, non-profits, and government entities (excluding State Executive Branch agencies) to purchase and install electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) throughout the state. Grants are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The 2019 Legislature directed DEQ's Division of Air Quality (DAQ) to oversee the incentive program that offers funding for the purchase and installation Level 2 and DC Fast Chargers. Eligible entities will be able to apply online beginning September 16.

"Expanding electric vehicle fleets will go a long way to improve air quality," said Mat Carlile, who administers the program for DAQ. "This is one way to encourage people to look at electric vehicles as an alternative to gasoline and other petroleum-based vehicles."

Organizations interested in applying for these grants must be one of the following:

- A registered business with a business license from the state of Utah;
- A non-profit entity located in the state of Utah; or
- A government entity from Utah, such as a local government or a higher education institution.

Agencies within the Executive Branch of the State are excluded from participating in this program. They, however, are eligible for a separate EVSE financial assistance program being administered by the Department of Administrative Services.

The amount awarded to these organizations will vary. Each successful applicant will receive up to 50 percent of the total cost of the purchase and installation of these EVSEs. Businesses and non-profit organizations may receive up to a \$75,000 reimbursement, while there is no maximum amount for non-state government entities.

The grant requires that EVSEs be installed and fully operational within two years of preliminary approval of the grant.

The three-step application process is as follows:

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- 1. Submit a completed application with the required documentation at evse.utah.gov;
- 2. Receive preliminary approval; and
- 3. Following project completion, submit final documentation for final approval and reimbursement.

For more information, visit evse.utah.gov.

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About DEQ

Established in 1991, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) mission is to safeguard and improve Utah's air, land and water through balanced regulation. DEQ implements state and federal environmental laws and works with individuals, community groups and businesses to protect the quality of Utah's air, land and water. For more information, visit www.deq.utah.gov, follow DEQ on Facebook (utah.deq) and Twitter (UtahDEQ), or call 1-800-458-0145.